



## News from your city



### OUT & ABOUT

**Parks Ready for Fun.** Besides the spring spruce up, West Lafayette Parks staff members are completing Lincoln Park's development, extending Nighthawk Trail and adding landscaping at Cumberland Park, among other spots. And a new Trails Guide is available; it also lists city parks and amenities.

**Research Park Growing.** Purdue Research Foundation will invest \$14.5 million to build a fourth incubator, Purdue Technology Center II, in Purdue Research Park Phase II. Construction of the 113,000-square-foot facility is slated to begin in fall 2008 on Win Hentschel Blvd. The park's first childcare center, Just Us Kids, opens this fall, with space for 190.

**Meet with the Mayor.** Stop by to chat:  
Tuesday, May 15, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.,  
Celery Bog Nature Center  
Wednesday, May 30, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.,  
Farmers' Market, Cumberland Park  
Monday, June 11, 4 to 5 p.m.,  
University Farm Park, shelter  
Wednesday, June 27, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.,  
Farmers' Market, Cumberland Park

**Business Alliance to Meet.** The Sagamore West Area Business Alliance meets at 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 22, Westminster Village, when Margy Deverall and Doug Poad, Tippecanoe County Area Plan Commission, speak on developments and traffic. Free and open to all. For info, contact Beverly Shaw, 775-5170, bshaw@city.west-lafayette.in.us.

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## WEST LAFAYETTE WELCOMES SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACES

On July 1, West Lafayette will begin enjoying smoke-free workplaces. "I can't wait," says West Lafayette resident Michael Flynn. "I see it as a huge issue for public health."

Our community is the 27th in Indiana to adopt such an ordinance. Like those in Fort Wayne, Plainfield and Zionsville, ours covers all workplaces, including restaurants, bars and private clubs. Bloomington and all of Monroe County are even more stringent, not permitting outdoor smoking.

### Business Patrons Benefit, Too

The change bodes well for workers and patrons. "I think it's a good idea. It's past time for this," says local resident Catherine Grossman. "It will be nice to go into restaurants and enjoy a meal without breathing second-hand smoke."

That smoke can be deadly, reports Smokefree Indiana, because it contains more than 50 cancer-causing chemicals and can cause heart disease. There's no risk-free level of exposure, so smoke-free environments are the only protection.

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Executive director, Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation

From Scotty's Brewhouse to BoilerMarket, Szechuan Gardens and Nine Irish Brothers, more than two dozen West Lafayette restaurants and bars have long operated smoke-free.

Nine Irish Brothers manager Troy Gilbert says, "I used to work where there was smoking, so this is nice. Everyone coming in here has been open to it. It definitely hasn't hurt business."

"Lots of folks won't go to places because of the smoke," Flynn says, so he predicts a boon for businesses. "It will make the dining experience much more pleasant."

### 'Incredible Step Forward'

Karla Sneeas, executive director of Indiana Tobacco Prevention and Cessation, salutes West Lafayette for adopting the ordinance. "Far too many workers don't have the safety of a smoke-free environment. What has happened in West Lafayette is an incredible step forward."

## BOARD OVERSEES PARKS AND RECREATION

From park sites to trails and a nature center to a community center, the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department is loaded with opportunities for residents to enjoy the outdoors, sports activities and the arts, says superintendent Joe Payne. That includes 15 parks and community spots and 17 miles of trails.

### Goal: Best Possible Facilities, Programs

He's guided in this quality-of-life pursuit by the West Lafayette Parks and Recreation Board. It's responsible for passing bond issues, exercising eminent domain, appropriating operating funds, approving contracts and overseeing staff personnel matters. And it works to meet the department's goal of providing the best possible recreational facilities and programs through effective natural, human and financial resources management.

"There's such a rich spectrum of activities in Parks and Recreation, and ultimately we're responsible for all of them, but our superintendent and assistant superintendent are in charge of the day-to-day activities," says board president Leon Trachtman.

"The work and planning are done by staff, who are remarkably effective people and flexible in being open to new suggestions and activities. Every activity we undertake seems to open new doors for the community."

### Monday Meetings

The board also works closely with the West Lafayette Community School Corporation and Wabash River Enhancement Corp. It meets at 4:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month, usually at West Lafayette City Hall, and sometimes at park sites. Its May 21 meeting will be at Lilly Nature Center, Celery Bog.

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### Five Appointed Members

The board has five members, each serving four-year terms. Four are appointed on a bipartisan basis by the mayor and one is appointed by the school corporation.

Besides Trachtman, current mayor-appointed members are: Garnet Peck, vice president; Mike Dana, secretary; and Paula Woods. Karen Springer represents the school board. John Sorenson serves as the Park Board attorney.

## CITY SERVICES ALL ABOUT YOU

**Street Work Progresses.** "We are making comprehensive repairs so we can increase longevity and the amount of time that streets will last," reports David Buck, P.E., city engineer. Among the projects:

- Salisbury, Phase 1, asphalt overlay, striping and signs conclude by June 1
- Salisbury, Phase 2, from Riley to Rainbow, right-of-way acquisitions begin this spring and summer, then utility poles will be relocated in preparation for new sidewalks, curbs and universal access ramps this fall or spring 2008
- Salisbury from State to North: a sewer separation project is planned to prevent combined sewer overflows during high rains
- Street resurfacing: Improvements underway soon near the library, Morton Community Center and Chauncey Square; overlay coming for Carrollton and Garfield.

**Citizen Police Academy Underway.** The West Lafayette Police Department's second Citizen Police Academy runs through May 30, meeting weekly on 11 Wednesdays so residents can learn about law enforcement procedures.

**Gifts of Trees.** Roots of new trees will soon be taking hold, thanks to a grant and contributions to the West Lafayette Tree Fund, reports greenspace administrator Beverly Shaw. They include:

- A \$9,220 matching grant from the Alcoa Foundation and Indiana Department of Natural Resources to replace Sagamore West ash trees—potential emerald ash borer victims
- 250 seedlings from Frito Lay Corp. for the south side of Harrison Bridge
- 10 trees from C.P. Morgan Homes for Salisbury, north of Kalberer Road
- In the last phase of the New Chauncey area's Operation Releaf, the West Lafayette Tree Fund is planting 45 trees.

*The Purdue Student Forestry Club recently cabled, braced and removed dead wood from this Happy Hollow Park bur oak, earning The Lafayette Tree Fund's 2006 Tree Preservation Award.*





*Hats off to blizzard crews, who logged nearly 500 hours snowplowing in less than a week: (from left) Brian Claxton, Rex Finfrock, Daniel Sanders, Doug Perkins, Kerry Carmichael, David Downey, Dennis Steele, Henry Bell, Larry Neal, James Hedden, Donna Van Meter, Justin Hitchcock and Paul Kull.*

*Not pictured: Ralph Valentine, Mark Hassett, Victor VanAllen and Adam Downey.*

## BLIZZARD: BEHIND THE SCENES

While most residents bundled up at home in mid-February as more than 17 inches of snow fell and winds gusted up to 30 mph, West Lafayette wastewater, sanitation and motor vehicle crews hit the streets—17 of them, one for every inch of snow.

From February 13 to 15, crews ran 48 hours straight, reports David Downey, Public Works director. By the time streets were cleaned, they'd put in 455 hours total and worked in temperatures as low as 9 degrees below zero. When another two inches hit a couple of days later, they were back at it, logging another 35 hours.

"With warm temperatures now, it's easy to forget the blizzard. But we haven't forgotten the long, dangerous hours our crews put in," says Mayor Jan Mills. "They did a great job for our city, and we salute them."

*Residents learn about operations in the Citizen Police Academy and meet canine officer Kay. Also pictured, Officer Jeff Dunscomb.*



## CITY NEWS

**Police Officers Honored.** Four West Lafayette Police officers were honored in March by Mothers Against Drunk Driving West Central Indiana for their work keeping intoxicated drivers off the streets. Four ranked in the top seven for the most citations: Stason Wiete, 59 arrests, highest in Tippecanoe County; Daniel Phillips, 51 arrests, third; Jonathan Eager, 37 arrests, sixth; and Jason Philhower, 24 arrests, seventh.

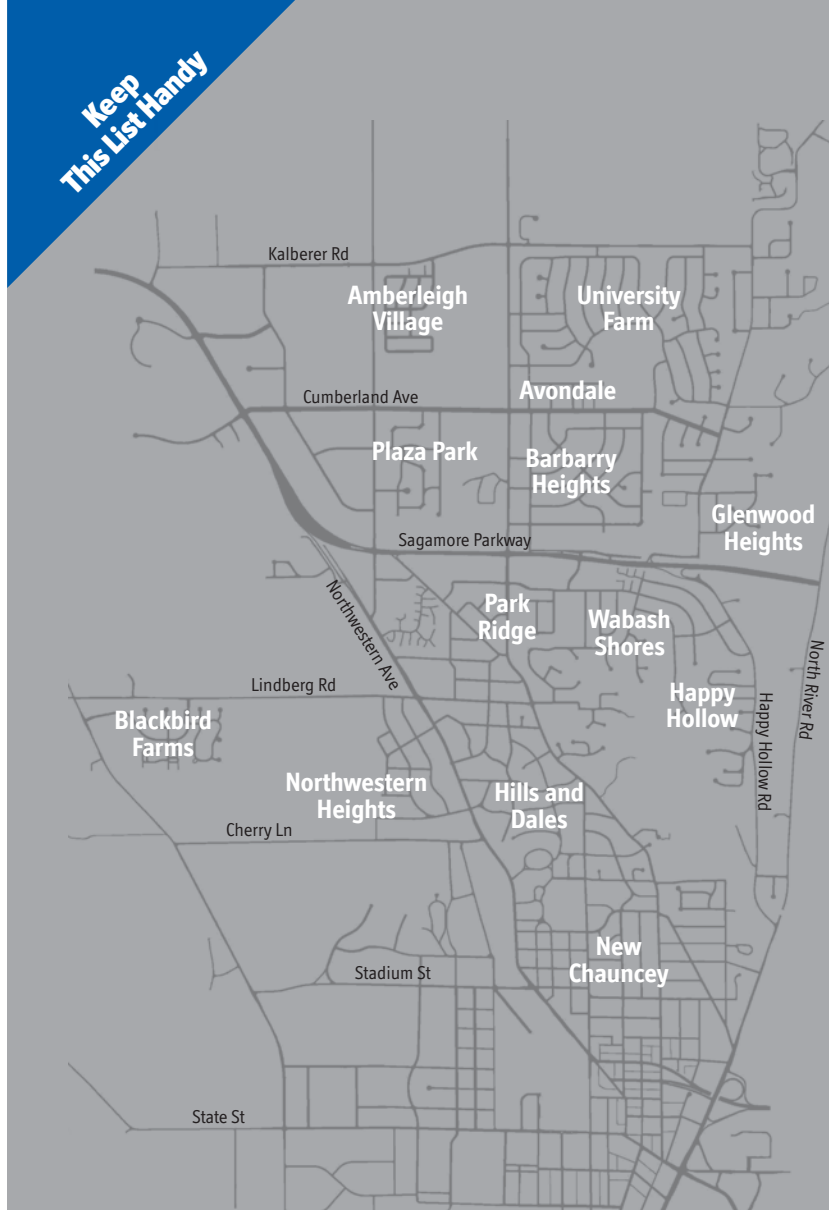


**Marvin Elected Association President.** The Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police has elected West Lafayette Police Chief Daniel Marvin president of the organization for 2007. He's been on the board five years and the executive committee, three. "It's a testament to Chief Marvin and his professionalism and leadership that he was elected to this post by his peers," says Mayor Jan Mills.

**Good Neighbor Ordinance in the Works.** Updating noise, yard upkeep, disorderly house and safety ordinances is moving forward with the City's proposed Good Neighbor Ordinance. The draft has been reviewed by residents, public input helped formulate revisions, and the adoption process is continuing. The City will separately address concerns about large trash deposits. Final action is pending until September, when Purdue students return.

**Fire Station Site Selection Underway.** What site will best address safety, emergency response times and neighborhood wishes as the City decides where to build its third fire station? That's the question currently before the City, as town hall meetings continue. The last is Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers. "We'll use residents' input to help us determine the best site, then hold another public meeting to discuss it," says Mayor Jan Mills. The City will begin serving the newly annexed area from a temporary site in August.

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## JOIN IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD'S FUN, ACTIVITIES

### Connect with Your Neighbors

Great residents make a great neighborhood, and those wonderful neighborhoods make a great city. That defines living in West Lafayette. Make sure you're connected. Get out, meet your neighbors, work and play together, and enjoy quality living.

The neighborhood associations on this list offer an easy avenue for getting together and getting involved, and new associations are also in the works. If you live in an area with an established association, let the contact person know you'd like to be involved.

If there's no association in your neighborhood and you'd like to help start one, contact Patsy Hoyer, volunteer Neighborhood Coalition coordinator, 497-0103, [p\\_loves\\_s@hotmail.com](mailto:p_loves_s@hotmail.com). She'll be happy to help you one get organized.

### Amberleigh Village

Families of many cultures

Kalberer/Yeager area

178 homes built 2001 on

Toddler park, pond, Cumberland Park and Farmers' Market within waking distance, on bike path; planned community to ensure high quality of life for all residents

Activities: Spring yard sale, fall picnic and other activities

Contact Michelle Scott • [board@amberleighvillage.org](mailto:board@amberleighvillage.org) • 463-9794  
[www.amberleighvillage.org](http://www.amberleighvillage.org)

We're a family-oriented neighborhood that embraces our multicultural environment and strives to maintain a small town atmosphere.

### Avondale

Large yards, mature trees

Salisbury/Cumberland/Avondale area

65 homes built in 1960s

Quiet, tucked away streets; great for children; near Cumberland and Lommel parks; walk to Farmers' Market and Cumberland School

Activities: Annual Cumberland Avenue planting day; 4th of July breakfast, parade and picnic; winter hot chocolate party; annual yard sale

Contact Patsy Hoyer • [p\\_loves\\_s@hotmail.com](mailto:p_loves_s@hotmail.com) • 497-0103

Families of all ages live in Avondale, and we welcome newcomers.

### Barberry Heights

Family friendly, diverse

Off Salisbury between Sagamore West and Cumberland

525 homes built in 1970s and 1980s

Home to five-acre Lommel Park, easy access to trails, short walk to Cumberland Elementary and shopping

Activities: Carry-in picnic in Lommel Park, 3 p.m., June 10, 2007; 4th of July Children's Parade, 10 a.m. from Lommel Park; neighborhood garage sale late August; neighborhood family play group

Contact Beth Will • [beth@digitalarchives-in.com](mailto:beth@digitalarchives-in.com) • 497-1792

Barberry Heights offers a warm community spirit, large yards and hundreds of mature trees.

### Blackbird Farms

Quiet slice of country

Off Lindberg Road

173 two-story and patio homes built in 1990s

Home to Blackbird Pond, well-maintained common areas, surrounded by woods, golf course, Celery Bog and Lilly Nature Center; minutes from shopping and Klondike elementary and middle schools

Activities: May garden cleanup callout; September gathering

Contact Paulette Schwartzel • [pschwartz@jupiter.wvec.k12.in.us](mailto:pschwartz@jupiter.wvec.k12.in.us) • 497-2644

Our residents are professionals and retired people—young, middle-aged and elderly; many enjoy walking and jogging along our winding streets and sidewalks.

### Glenwood Heights

Child-friendly

Off Soldiers Home Road

113 single- and two-story homes built in 1950s

A low-traffic neighborhood with many cul-de-sacs; an easy walk to Cumberland Elementary; close to shopping

Activities: Summer backyard gathering being planned

Contact Sandy Shoemaker • [skr1200@aol.com](mailto:skr1200@aol.com) • 463-1137 or

Kathy Heckaman • 463-1321 • [www.glenwoodheights.net](http://www.glenwoodheights.net)

Our street names—Magnolia, Dogwood, Myrtle, Willow—reflect our abundant landscaping and mature trees.

## Happy Hollow

Lush landscape, views

Happy Hollow Road area

123 homes built in 1950s, variety of mid-20th century styles, some overlooking Wabash River, others overlooking Happy Hollow Park

Home to Happy Hollow Park; close to Sagamore West and shopping

Activities: Fall picnic in Happy Hollow Park

Contact Felice Bray • felicebray@excite.com • 463-7116

Many old-growth trees fill our neighborhood.

## Hills and Dales

Abundant trees and wildlife

Near Purdue campus, family and community-oriented

280 homes, most built from 1924 to 1943

A neighborhood of hills, winding streets, lush landscaping and varied architecture; close to West Lafayette Junior/Senior High; listed on the National Registry of Historic Places

Activities: Easter egg hunt, Halloween party, annual picnic

Contact Ronda Walsh Schwab  
president@hillsanddales.net • 497-1382  
www.hillsanddales.net

Hills and Dales is in town, with huge trees and yards that attract rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks and deer.

## New Chauncey

Historic village charm

North Chauncey area

600 homes in a mix of styles, built between 1900s and 1940s; neighborhood listed on the National Registry of Historic Places

Home to Centennial Park, West Lafayette Public Library, Morton Community Center and Village Shopping District; close to playgrounds and more parks; walking distance to West Lafayette Junior/Senior High School and Purdue

Activities: Newcomers' picnic, student meet-and-greet, Halloween parade and ongoing work to preserve the neighborhood's historic legacy

Contact Carl Griffin

info@newchauncey.org • 743-8087

www.newchauncey.org

Residents maintain daylily beds throughout the neighborhood, a way of showing the welcoming feeling we extend to families and university students.

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## Northwestern Heights

Rich architecture, tree-canopied streets

Up the hill from Purdue

200 homes in various styles, most built in 1950s and 1960s

Near golf course, pond, wetland preserve, trails

Activities: Annual garage sale, May 3 in 2007; Labor Day block party and potluck; winter holiday wine and cheese party; children's summer and fall events; summer progressive dinner

Contact Persis Newman

pjnewman@nlci.com • 496-3583

Our residents are a great mix of families, singles, seniors, newlyweds and retirees who care about our community and each other.

## Park Ridge

Quiet, convenient

Salisbury/Navajo area

40 ranch, two-story and tri-level homes built in the 1960s on large lots

Close to shopping, restaurants and more

Activities: Summer bicycle-riding group and golf outing

Contact John Whelan

jd517emilie@yahoo.com • 497-4872

A small neighborhood, we're close-knit and friendly.

## Plaza Park

Winding streets, mature trees, bike and pedestrian trails

Yeager/Cumberland area

144 homes built 1960s to 1980s

Near Cumberland Park

Activities: Annual garage sale

Contact Sharon Helmerick • hlmrck@aol.com • 463-1354

www.plazapark.org

We're home to many families and retired professionals; convenient access to trails, a park, shopping and dining.

## University Farm

Expansive and fun

Cumberland/Salisbury/Soldiers Home Road area

565 two-story homes built from 1980s forward

Home to University Farm and Dubois Street parks

Activities: Annual Easter egg hunt; annual garage sale, May 19, 2007; ice cream social in August; holiday lighting contest

Contact Judith Wade • jwade0243@msn.com • 463-1006  
www.ufna.net

We welcome new residents and meeting each other at neighborhood events throughout the year.

## Wabash Shores

Established neighborhood with quiet cul-de-sacs

Navajo/Indian Trail/Happy Hollow Road area

350 ranch bi-level and tri-level homes built in 1960s

Trail to Happy Hollow Park

Activities: Spring gathering; annual garage sale; summer block party

Contact Karen O'Farrell • jkofarrell@verizon.net • 463-3154

We love the convenience of our neighborhood, range of housing choices and quiet cul-de-sacs that enhance our neighborliness.

## CALENDAR

SAVE  
THESE DATES

### Farmers' Market

Cumberland Park,  
Wednesdays, May 2 through  
October 24, 3 to 6:30 p.m.

### May

- 9 Michaud-Sinninger Woods guided hike, 5 p.m.  
Town Hall Meeting on new fire station site, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers
- 15 Meet with the Mayor, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Celery Bog, Nature Center  
Dean Fallis, Bloomer's Greenhouse, demonstrates herb container gardening, 4 to 6 p.m.; In Accord Trio plays at 5 p.m.; both at Farmers' Market
- 19 University Farm garage sale
- 22 Sagamore West Area Business Alliance, 4 p.m., Westminster Village
- 30 Amy French demonstrates alternative grilling recipes, 4 p.m., at Farmers' Market  
Meet with the Mayor, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Farmers' Market, Cumberland Park  
Sheryl Nahodil performs gospel music, 5 p.m., at Farmers' Market

### June

- 10 Barberry Heights carry-in picnic, 3 p.m., Lommel Park
- 11 Meet with the Mayor, 4 to 5 p.m., University Farm Park, shelter
- 16 Taste of Tippecanoe, 4 p.m. to midnight, Tapawingo Park and Riehle Plaza
- 27 Meet with the Mayor, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Farmers' Market, Cumberland Park

### July

- 4 Avondale Neighborhood breakfast, parade and picnic  
Barberry Heights Children's Parade, 10 a.m., Lommel Park  
Stars and Stripes Concert and Fireworks, evening, Slayter Center, Purdue
- 7 Riverfest, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tapawingo Park
- 21 Dancing in the Streets, 4 p.m. to midnight, Tapawingo Park and Riehle Plaza



*The West Lafayette Farmers' Market returns to Cumberland Park this month for its third season.*



## FUN IN THE SUN AHEAD

**Farmers' Market.** Produce vendors, artists and entertainers are lining up for the third season of the Sagamore West Farmers' Market, sponsored by West Lafayette Parks and Recreation and the Sagamore West Area Business Alliance. The fresh-air market at Cumberland Park is open from 3 to 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday from May 2 through October 24th. At least 75 percent of the goods sold must be produced by each vendor.

**Neighborhood Associations.** West Lafayette's neighborhood associations are planning garage sales, picnics and parades this summer. To make sure you're in the loop for news in your neighborhood, contact your neighborhood representative, listed in the enclosed insert. It also has a calendar of upcoming West Lafayette events.

**Global Fest.** Morton Community Center will host Global Fest, an international festival, on Saturday, September 1, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Art on the Wabash.** The second annual Art on the Wabash: A Local Artists' Fair will be Sunday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Tapawingo Park. Artists' applications, available at [www.city.west-lafayette.in.us](http://www.city.west-lafayette.in.us), are due by June 29. The event is hosted by the City of West Lafayette, Parks and Recreation Department and Morton Community Center with technical assistance from Tippecanoe Arts Federation and sponsorship from KitchenArt, The Store for Cooks, a West Lafayette business.

# West Lafayette, Indiana

**West Lafayette** is loaded with summer opportunities. Save the Neighborhood Association and calendar insert in this newsletter and join in the fun.

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